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Domestic Violence Kidnap, Chase Suspect Charged

A domestic violence suspect who allegedly kidnapped his estranged wife and their two sons before leading police on a chase was charged today with multiple felony counts, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Thomas Ueno (dob 10/4/80) is scheduled to be arraigned after 1:30 p.m. in Department 30 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in case BA444618. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$3 million.

Deputy District Attorney Sam Hulefeld with the Family Violence Division is prosecuting the case.

Ueno is suspected of leading police on a chase through Los Angeles and Orange counties beginning about 5 p.m. on Monday and ending five hours later in Newport Beach when Ueno's estranged wife and children ran from her vehicle. The suspect fled on foot and was arrested on Tuesday in Cerritos.

The complaint alleges Ueno violated a domestic violence restraining order on two separate dates prior to Monday's kidnapping and carjacking ordeal.

He is charged with 17 counts, including kidnapping for carjacking, false imprisonment by violence, false imprisonment of a hostage, violating a domestic violence court order with a prior conviction, fleeing an officer while driving recklessly, injuring a spouse, first-degree burglary, possession of a firearm by a felon and carjacking.

If convicted, Ueno faces up to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Huntington Park Police Department.

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